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Barre ought to have a "home guard."

Where's Bryan's "million men springing to arms" this spring?

The Russians' new-found freedom may be the means of their own undoing.

"Earth is here so kind, that just tickle her with a hoe and she laughs with a harvest."

It is almost inconceivable that the German people want the present crown prince for a ruler.

Says Uncle Sam to Johnny Bull: "Here's to your health. May you live long and lick the Germans."

We cannot blame Col. Theodore Roosevelt if he is anxiously awaiting for the chance to see Joffre. We'd like to see the boys get together.

As a teacher in constitution-building there are none better in the United States than Elihu Root. Russia ought to welcome his coming.

At this time of the year Vermont's summer resorts ought to be getting in some effective publicity work in the larger cities of the northeastern section of the country. The summer tourist business may not be as brisk as usual this summer but there nevertheless will be quite a volume of it. Vermont promises to raise enough for them to eat.

Howard Elliott had to admit himself stumped in the job of getting the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad out of the doldrums. However, there is a bright future for that railroad line, providing someone with the proper vision comes along. As the railroad which taps the wonderful industrial life of New England it must have good prospects.

Charles H. Cole, former adjutant general of the Massachusetts military department, is of the right stuff. He desired to serve his country again and enlisted as a private in the state's troops. Needless to say, however, a place higher up was soon found for him and he is now Capt. Cole, many grades below his former position, but on the road to higher rank as the quality of his service and as vacancies may permit.

A comparatively small town, Williams-town has done remarkably well to send nine young men into the United States navy since the declaration of a state of war with Germany. Plainfield, with a slightly lesser contribution, also has come to the front. Should the 244 other towns and cities of the state do as well in proportion, Vermont's quota in the navy would be almost doubled. Vermont's smaller communities are far outstripping the large towns and cities in filling up the state's quota.

There is a wide discrepancy between the British and German official reports of the results of the air battles over the western front on Monday—so wide, in fact, that it is difficult to draw a happy medium with any assurance of hitting the truth. An ordinary observer might be inclined to doubt the British report that British aviators could account for 40 German airplanes and lose but two machines in the encounters. On the other hand, the German claim is almost equally as fantastic. Out of all the complexity, however, it does seem certain that the British air forces are now considerably superior to the German.

The note which the Spanish government has sent to Germany, protesting against the submarine attacks on Spanish shipping, cannot be considered a virile statement, much less a threat. To say that Germany need not be "astonished" if Spain takes up reprisal because of the submarine attacks, which, by the way, is the strongest utterance in the note, is not calculated to strike terror, or even apprehension, in the flinty heart of the Prussian autocracy. Much rather it is likely to arouse the risibilities of the gentlemen who are directing the destinies of the German empire, for they have much more serious business at hand than listening to such an effeminate document. The whole tone of the note is such as to dissipate any belief that Spain has any really serious intentions of entering the conflict against the Prussian government of the German nation, or even of arming her merchant ships for the purpose of repelling attack. Spain is not only neutral but it is neuter.

While we are not disposed to take away any of the credit of the German descendants in the Middle West who are proud of the large percentage of enlistments of their number in the United States army or navy service, we think it is only fair to point out that there are more persons in the Middle West of German descent than there are of any other nationality, barring Americans. Therefore, the assertion that the enlistments of men of German antecedents are four times as great as those of all other nationalities, barring Americans, does not mean quite so much as it would mean were the population more evenly divided among the nationalities. At the same time a good degree of credit must be accorded the men of German descent

for the multiplicity of their enlistments in view of the fact that their service promises to be against the country from which their fathers came. Their action shows a good development of American patriotism and will go far toward nullifying the effects of the work of some malevolent persons among the German population of the country.

A TRUE SHOT.

It was eminently fitting that the first successful shot by the United States in the war with Germany should have been directed against that agency which was the direct means of bringing the United States into the great struggle. The German submarine has been the bone of contention between Germany and the United States ever since the dastardly attack on the Lusitania, as the result of which one thousand lives of non-combatants—of which more than one hundred were Americans—were sacrificed to the bloodlust of the Prussian military regime. Such a tremendous sacrifice was lightly passed over by German apologists as a measure of expediency. Since that time the German submarine has been the agency which fanned the spirit of hostility against Germany as time after time that agency was used for illegal purposes against neutral shipping. The United States was a great sufferer from those illegal practices until patience ceased to be a virtue and action became a compelling necessity. The German submarine caused our war. In fact, the German submarine carried on war against the United States for months which lengthened into years. The atrocities committed by those fiendish agencies invited retaliation. And that retaliation is at hand. The first submarine has fallen before the aim of good American gunnery, if the reports made by Capt. Rice of the American armed steamer Mongolia are borne out by the facts. There has been some skepticism about the ability of a merchant ship to perform this much desired feat; but the indications in the encounters between the Mongolia and the submarine in British waters seem to point to the success of the steamship. There are many scores to be wiped out yet.

OUR FINANCIAL AID TO THE ALLIES.

At first thought it might seem unfair discrimination for the United States government to award its first loan of the \$700,000,000 allotment to the richest nation among the entente allies, but when it is considered that Great Britain has been financing the entente allies to a great extent for many months the objection to the action of the American government fades away. Great Britain has been carrying a tremendous financial burden for a long time, several of the smaller nations grouped on her side being well-nigh helpless to keep up their own governments, let alone continuing hostilities. To keep a certain degree of vigor coursing through the arteries of those countries has been the work of the British government, and that government has done the work without a whimper so far as the world has been permitted to know. Great Britain has stood as the backbone of the entente allies, however much credit we may give France for actual fighting valor; and had it not been for the sturdy and indomitable spirit of the British nation the Prussian menace would long before this have accomplished its purpose of trampling the smaller nations completely under foot. So while the close sympathy of the United States may go out to France and other nations fighting for the freedom of the peoples of the earth, we must recognize our first obligation to Great Britain for bearing the financial burden so splendidly. In due time other loans will be made, presumably direct to the nations which are now aligned with us; and, indeed, it would not be surprising were a considerable part of the \$200,000,000 just loaned to Great Britain to go to assist some crippled ally. As for Russia, it would be well for the United States to assure itself of conditions there before placing a large sum to the credit of that beleaguered and embattled country, both from without and from within. Russia should be asked to give full assurance of a righteous purpose both at home and abroad before being entrusted with a vast loan. The United States stands ready to help Russia just as soon as such reasonable assurance is given.

Editor, Barre Times: I wish that you would call the attention of the laboring class of Barre and Montpelier to the part that they might play in food production, the stonecutters, masons, carpenters and barbers, in fact all of the eight-hour pay men, who have always depended on the farmers for their living.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Agricultural Conference at Montpelier.

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C. A. Badger.

East Montpelier, Vt., April 24, 1917.

New Industries and the Tax Rate.

Editor, Barre Times: In order to secure the new industry the ensuing year, as recommended by the Board of Trade, it now goes without saying that our city must exempt the party establishing that industry from taxation for a certain term of years.

But this is not enough. Our tax rate



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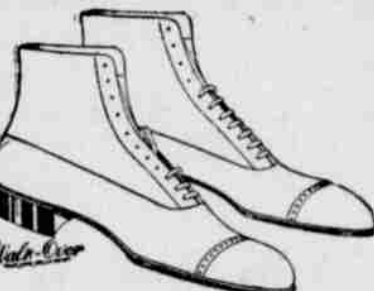
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Therefore, at the city meeting Friday evening, it would seem wise and necessary to instruct the city council to make the tax rate this year much lower than usual, not to exceed, say, \$1.75, and not to build the proposed bridge over Jail branch, nor to lay any granite paving, but so to adjust all current expenses as easily to pay them with the income from the lower tax rate and other sources.

Harvey Hersey.

Some Salaries and Others.

Editor, Barre Times: I was very glad to notice in the letters to the editor that my friend, Mr. Hersey, is still alive and kicking, and the best of it is, he generally kicks in the right direction. He also favors tax exemption for new industries and in this matter Mr. Hersey is right. Barre has always refused this inducement which other cities and towns will gladly offer.

Mr. Hersey thinks our city clerk should be well paid for his services, and all commissions should go into the city treasury, and I think so too. That is the way they do in Montpelier and other places.

I notice the aldermen have several times increased the wages of our high-salaried officials, but they don't seem to remember the men with small pay and large families, who are just as much affected by the high cost of living as the men with high salaries and small families. And why they don't remember is something I don't understand. Aldermen are supposed to be human beings, but are they? Well, they are if they're born right.

J. F. Callaghan.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

Caid of Thanks.

I wish to thank the fire department and all those who so kindly assisted in putting out my grass fire.

W. G. Ditty.

PROPOSED FRANCHISE CHANGES AREN'T ACCEPTABLE TO BARRE

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time-honored practice of permitting uniformed policemen and firemen to ride for nothing. The substitute franchise, as favored by the company, grants permission to the B. & M. T. & P. Co., its successors and assigns, to construct and for a term of 25 years to operate an electric street railway system in the following streets: "On North Main street from the Barre-Berlin line to City square; on South Main street from City square to Ayers street; on Washington street from City square to Nelson street." If this preamble is accepted, it is held by competent persons who have examined the draft, the railroad company will be relieved of its promise to extend the line in two directions to the city limits. This is the first concession in a series of trades which the city will make in order to receive that which is already its due under the existing franchise.

Here is the schedule which the company proposes to enforce if its efforts to abrogate the present franchise are successful:

"The company shall run at least one car each way over all lines within the Barre city limits every 30 minutes between the hours of 6 a. m. and 10:30 p. m. during the months of May, June, July, August and September; and every 40 minutes between the hours of 6 a. m. and 10:40 p. m. during the months of October, November, December, January, February, March and April; provided, however, that on Sundays and holidays the company shall not be required to run a car on any part of its lines earlier than 7:30 a. m." By those who have examined the proposed franchise in a critical way the service cutbacks in the foregoing clause are regarded as self-evident.

In another instance the city, if the council adopts the new franchise, will forfeit the right to assess the railroad for any bridge that may be built on lines which the company has guaranteed to extend to the city limits. This for the reason that the draft now under consideration restricts assessments of this nature to bridges over which the railroad now operates. Thus the liability to pay for a portion of the construction work on the proposed new South Main street bridge is removed, inasmuch as the road is not now operating over the bridge. Individuals and private concerns are deprived of redress available under the present franchise whenever pipes are laid or repaired by them or wires, sewers, drains or crosswalks installed, the promise to replace displaced railroad equipment at the company's expense applying only to the city. Another clause states that the company shall remove snow and ice from its tracks and may spread the same over the highway, provided it does not interfere with a safe and unobstructed use of the highway by wagons, sleighs and other vehicles. Should the company fail to meet the requirements, the new franchise says that the city may, "after reasonable notice to the company, do the work necessary to meet such requirements and charge the reasonable cost thereof to the company." Reasonable costs, it is surmised, would be subject to interpretations similar in their degrees of variety as some of the constructions placed by the company on clauses in the present franchise.

In the proposed franchise the city forfeits, among other things, the right to require of the company the installation of guard rails against the outside of the steel rails, a protection which is regarded as essential along certain strips of the railroad.

The company franchise, as drafted, finds its crowning achievement in a clause which reserves to the company the right to obtain from the public service commission any repeal or modification that it may succeed in having granted by the commissioners. The existence of the original franchise inhibits the public service commission from changing in any way the provisions therein contained. It has been intimated lately, by company officials, that acceptance of the franchise recently drawn up means that money necessary for the railroad's share of the South Main street paving project will be forthcoming, although in the past the company representatives have reiterated the claim that its finances would not permit the levying and collection of such an assessment. By reason of possible franchise changes, however, the company expects to receive from the bondholders an extension of the bonds due in November of the present year.



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TEUTON SHIPS READY SOON.

Seven in New York and Five on Pacific Coast Will Be in Government Service.

Washington, April 26.—Twelve of the seized German merchant ships will be ready for service in little more than a week, the shipping board reported yesterday to the treasury department. Legislation pending would empower the shipping board either to lease the vessels or to operate them. Indications point to their operation by the shipping board.

Seven of the ships about ready for service are at New York, and the others are on the Pacific coast. Repairs are being rushed on all ships except those at Honolulu and the Vaterland at New York. Those at Honolulu will be towed to the Pacific coast for docking. The Vaterland is too large for any American drydock, and before being made ready for sea would have to be towed to Balboa.

Removal of ships from the coastwise trade to transatlantic service was taken up yesterday at a conference of shipping men with the shipping board and the shipping committee of the council of national defense. A number of ships probably will be taken off coastwise immediately and put to carrying food for the allies.

WASHINGTON

Washington lodge, No. 75, L. O. O. F., will observe the 98th anniversary at the schoolhouse hall Saturday evening. The public is cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Ira C. Calef is improving, so he is able to walk to the piazza of his home daily. Regular meeting Washington grange Friday evening.

A daughter was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Scott.

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